

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

Ninety–Ninth Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2010

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau

July 28, 2010

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following rules have been published in the July 31, 2010 Wisconsin Administrative [Register No. 655](#):

<u>Clearinghouse Rules</u>	<u>Effective Date(s)</u>
09–013	8–1–2010
09–077	8–1–2010
09–121	8–1–2010
09–123	8–1–2010
10–004	8–1–2010
10–005	8–1–2010
10–022	8–1–2010
10–030	8–1–2010

Sincerely,

BRUCE J. HOESLY

Senior Legislative Attorney/Code Editor

State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

July 27, 2010

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2009–2010 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board’s web site at: <http://gab.wi.gov/>.

Howard, Elizabeth Municipal Environmental Group
Water Division

Also available from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

KEVIN KENNEDY

Director and General Counsel

State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

July 23, 2010

The Honorable, The Legislature:

The Department of Health Services is pleased to submit to you, as required by s.253.115 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the annual report on the status of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) in Wisconsin. In 2009, 100% of the 99 hospitals with birthing facilities had implemented a hearing screening program and 98.7% of babies born in Wisconsin were born in a facility that offers UNHS. Of the 69,481 babies born in Wisconsin in 2009, 98.6% were born in a hospital, .1% were born at free–standing birth centers, and 1.3% were born at home. Currently 97% of babies are screened prior to one month of age, with a 0.4% rate of refusal. The statewide average rate of infants who do not pass the newborn hearing screen in 2009 was 3%, which falls within the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation of less than 4%.

Hearing loss is the most common congenital birth defect, affecting an estimated 200 babies annually in Wisconsin. If hearing loss is left undetected, it will impede speech, language, cognitive and social development. The Wisconsin Sound Beginnings (WSB) Program continues to make progress toward meeting its goal of ensuring that screening be available to 100% of babies born in Wisconsin and to ensure that appropriate services are provided to children who do not pass their hearing screens.

The WSB Program is improving all areas of early hearing detection and intervention through a variety of activities. We are also working with our partners in other agencies to promote a sound beginning for Wisconsin’s children.

Sincerely,

KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE

Secretary

Referred to committee on **Public Health, Senior Issues, Long–Term Care and Job Creation.**

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The committee on **Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 10–023

Relating to independent review procedures and affecting small business.

No action taken.

JON ERPENBACH
Chairperson